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**MESSRS. ULLOM AND SHAFFER**

In the Upper Part of Marshall County on Boggs' Run—A Great Coal Development.

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The Wheeling Consolidated Coal Company has options on several thousand acres additional coal lands in Ohio county, as well as options on the several local coal mines. It could not be learned yesterday when the company would close up its deal, but the impression is abroad that it will go through shortly, and the acceptance of the Glenn's Run options indicates it strongly.

On the waters of Boggs' run, in the northern part of Marshall county, Messrs. Shaffer and Ullom, of this city, have options on about 6,000 acres of coal land, and it is learned that they are now out accepting the options, which means that their deal goes through. It has been rumored that these lands would be added to the holdings of the Wheeling Consolidated Coal Company, but the rumor cannot be confirmed.

These transactions in coal lands, together with the deal effected in Brooke county, details of which were given exclusively in yesterday's *Intelligencer*, would indicate that there will be a great coal development in Ohio, Brooke and Marshall counties in the near future.

## MINE WORKERS CONFER.

Want the Enforcement of the New Philadelphia Scale in the Wheeling District—All the Local Mines Represented at the Meeting.

About twenty miners representing the coal mines of the Wheeling district, met last night at the Farmers' home hotel, North Market street, and discussed the New Philadelphia scale, which they want adopted by the local operators. Those present were delegates from the Moundsville, Glendale, Elm Grove, Boggs' Run, Richland, and the mill company banks in this city, and they conferred with D. H. Sullivan, second vice president of the Ohio branch of the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Sullivan has supervision of the local unions in Ohio sub-district No. 2, with which the Pan Handle locals are now affiliated. It was the intention of the promoters to have met at the trades assembly hall, but it was engaged.

The New Philadelphia scale provides for the payment of 80 cents per ton for screened coal, and about 55 cents for run of mine. It went into effect on April 1, but up to the present the operators on this side of the river have not observed it. In one or two instances, the men have been granted an advance, but the advance did not reach that allotted in the scale, and last night's meeting was called for the purpose of getting an expression from the men as to the probability of the adoption of the scale by the several operators.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Sullivan said that he would remain in this vicinity for several days, and he was hopeful of the ultimate success of the miners. He said he had organized a local of the United Mine Workers at every bank in and around Wheeling, and no radical action toward enforcement of the scale was contemplated. None of the operators had agreed to the scale yet, but Mr. Sullivan was confident that they would. He intends to visit personally every mine operator and some definite arrangement will likely be effected in a few days, otherwise it is not unlikely that a strike will be ordered. Mr. Sullivan said he had had enough experience to know the cost of strikes and he would advise that resort only when all other expedients had failed.

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## BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

**Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.**

Wheeling won again yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Hospital Association will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Yesterday, at Wellsburg, occurred the death of Miss Mary M. Devitt, of Wellsburg. The funeral takes place today.

The Woman's Union Benevolent Society will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 2:30, at the Y. M. C. A.

Wheeling Knights of Pythias will pay a fraternal visit to the lodge at Moundsville Friday evening. They will make the trip on a steamboat.

Interest in the test oil well on Short creek, near West Liberty, continues to increase as the drill descends. Definite results are expected this week.

The congregation of the Second Christian church, on the Island, will meet to-day, to elect a new pastor. Rev. S. G. Naylor, the first pastor of this new church, having resigned some time ago.

Frank Peterson, of the Riverside, in completing a home-made automobile, which combines the best features of several machines. It will be propelled by a gasoline engine, designed by Mr. Peterson. Its lines are attractive, and it is expected to develop great speed.

The funeral of the late Capt. William Stewart, whose death at Stewart's Landing was recorded yesterday morning, will take place this afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church in Bridgeport. The pallbearers will be members of the Masonic fraternity in Bridgeport.

The council committee on petitions and remonstrances meets this afternoon to inspect the alley in Manchester which the Wheeling Mold & Foundry Company desires permission to grade. Residents in the vicinity will object vigorously, claiming it will place their lots in a hole in the ground.

The part of the Belmont plate mill, known as the "little mill," which has been off for several weeks, will resume to-day. Orders for its resumption have been given. When it closed, scarcity of orders was assigned as the reason, but in other quarters, recognition of the employees' union was asserted as a cause.

The Woman's Musical Club has just arranged for a grand concert by Innes and his band, together with scenes from "Faust," "Proserpine" or "Aida," Mme. Edie Stewart, Mrs. Helene Noldi, Sig Alberti and others, on Tuesday evening, October 20, at the Opera House.

John H. Fendt, formerly a well known citizen of Wheeling, has returned from Parkersburg, where he has been living, and has purchased Kelley's Place, near the corner of Market and Ferry streets, which he expects to remodel and make one of the most attractive cafes in the city. Mr. Fendt took possession yesterday.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

**Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.**

"Billy" Williams, the veteran minstrel star, who won fame years ago by giving the Memphis yellow fever sufferers \$10,000 and himself going to the fever stricken city and aiding personally in wiping out the scourge, is in the city, and visited his daughter, who is a pupil at Mount St. Chantal academy. He is now engaged in arranging amateur minstrel entertainments, and may be secured to direct the minstrel entertainment which the Woman's Musical Club is contemplating giving in the near future. Mr. Williams proudly wears a gold medal given him by Pope Leo XIII. in recognition of his generosity and bravery during the Memphis yellow fever epidemic.

J. F. Williams is a Fairmonter in the city.

I. D. Morgan and wife, of Smithfield, are guests at the Stamm.

State Treasurer M. A. Kendall was up from Charleston last night.

R. W. Wallace, of Parkersburg, was a McClure register last night.

W. C. Q. Wilson and wife, of Manington, are at the Grand Central.

Miss Jennie Boyd, of Zane street, has left on a visit to friends in California.

Dr. J. C. Hupp and wife leave to-day, to visit friends at Little Washington.

A. C. Jackson and wife, of Sistersville, registered at the Windsor last night.

Miss Mary McKellar has returned home from a visit to her sister in New Strattville, Ohio.

Col. A. D. Trehune, of Toledo, O., a prominent lumber salesman, is one of the Stamm's guests.

C. Herbert Pickens, prescription clerk at Stewart's pharmacy, South Side, is visiting at Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

Joe West, of Smithfield; L. L. Thomas, of Blacksville, and Frank Holt, of Sistersville, were arrivals at the Nichols yesterday.

Wilbur Heinlein leaves for Sistersville to-day, to accept a position with A. A. Daniel, druggist, of that city. Mr. Heinlein was prescription clerk for Will H. Menckmeyer, and his many friends regret his departure.

Mr. Earl Wells, of Center Wheeling, and Miss Emma B. Harr, of Moundsville, left for Oakland, Md., at which place their nuptial ceremony will occur to-day. Their friends unite in extending congratulations to the youthful couple.

## THE POLICE OFFICERS MAY STRIKE

For Higher Wages on the 15th of This Month—Their Demand Filed and

## GOES TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Of Council for Action—The Officers State Their Case and Advance Arguments.

Wheeling will be in a queer predicament should its police force go on a strike, for there is a possibility of such an unwelcome state of affairs coming to pass. The officers want their salaries increased, and have presented to Chief Clemans their demands. The men state in their request, which is couched in courteous tones, that an answer is expected before May 15.

The men think they have good grounds for complaint. They began an agitation for more money several months ago, and they have been "addled" since, so they claim. They first asked for an increase of \$10 a month, when they waited on the council police committee, and were satisfied to withdraw this in the hope that eight additional officers would be appointed, which would relieve them of paying for an extraman, their chief source of complaint. Now, with no immediate prospect of relief along this line they ask for an increase of \$7.25 a month.

The men are paid \$65 a month at present, but they really only get \$62.75, as each man is compelled to pay off one day every month, and from their wages is deducted \$2.25 to pay the extraman who takes their place.

The officers have to buy their own uniforms, the city furnishing only the helmets, of which but two have been furnished to each "cop" in five years. When a committee of the men, Officers Dudley, McGuigan and Donovan, appeared before the police committee, they had letters from the police departments of twelve other cities to show that Wheeling's salary list was the lowest.

An officer said last night that when the Pittsburgh force wanted an increase, Wheeling's salary list was always cited in opposition to the increase. Last fall, the Pittsburgh officers threatened a strike, and their salaries were increased \$10 a month, which makes them now \$85 and \$90.

The Wheeling officers say also that they work longer hours than obtain in other cities. The night men work eleven hours a day, and the day men fourteen hours six days of the week and fifteen on Saturdays, while a further hardship is the fact that they are often called on duty, such as having to attend the morning police court or big parades, after having had only a few hours' sleep.

Chief Clemans has no jurisdiction in the matter of salaries, and the men's request will have to be acted on first by the finance committee and finally by council. From the rumblings heard, the police may strike if their request does not meet with favor.

## A Warning.

To the Editor of the *Intelligencer*.  
SIR:—The person who has been poisoning dogs on the Island is now known, and this is to notify him that the next time a dog is poisoned on North Front street, a certain man on that street will get a coat of tar and feathers.

BEWARE.

Wheeling, May 1, 1900.

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## FIREBUGS AT WORK.

Two Attempts Made This Morning To Set Fire to the Stables of the Belmont Mill on the South Side. The Second Fire, at 3:45 O'Clock This Morning, Destroys the Building.

This morning two attempts were made by unknown firebugs to set fire to the stables of the Belmont mill at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, South Side. The fire department successfully negotiated the first blaze, which occurred at 1:30 o'clock. The second fire was discovered at 3:45, and this time the incendiary was successful, as the blaze was given a big start before its discovery, and the stables were destroyed.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning, fire alarm box No. 51 was pulled. Fire was discovered in the Belmont mill's stable, on Main street near Twenty-seventh street, by the company's watchman. It was extinguished by the hook and ladder boys with chemicals, and the damage was nominal. The fire was of incendiary origin, thinks Chief Cline, for there were evidences pointing to this conclusion. It was discovered that one of the stable windows had been hoisted and below the window was a quantity of lubricating waste. Several weeks ago, Coffey's stable, a short distance from the Belmont, was burned by an incendiary, four horses being burned to death, and the same fiend doubtless had a hand in the Belmont attempt. He must be lacking in all human sympathy to have a mania for burning horses, and it is hoped he will be apprehended.

The second alarm, at 3:45, was from the same box, 51, and the fire department responded on the double quick. The fire got a big start, however, and when the department arrived on the scene the sky was fairly illumined by the blaze.

After the first fire the Belmont management placed a watchman on duty outside the stables to prevent a possible second attempt at setting the building on fire. The incendiary must have slipped into the building through a window or rear door and set fire to the building on the second floor in the hay stored there, as the blaze was first seen there. The watchman saw nobody, and the police have no clue as yet to the firebug.

There were three horses in the building, and all of them were brought out uninjured.

The building is entirely destroyed, only the bare walls remaining, and the loss will be probably \$2,000 or \$4,000. The building was of brick and was very old.

The house occupied by Ada Foster (a disreputable house) stands only forty or fifty feet from the burned stables, and it was feared it would catch fire, but through the efforts of the firemen, who did excellent work, the blaze did not spread.

There is great excitement on the South Side over this double attempt at incendiarism, and if the firebug is caught he will fare badly.

At 4 a. m. the fire is under control.

## AMUSEMENTS.

In view of the approaching appearance of James O'Neill in Liebler & Co.'s tremendous spectacular production of "The Musketeers" it may be of interest to relate that late literary researches have proven that D'Artagnan was a character sketched from real life. The Chevalier D'Artagnan has had a very peculiar fortune from a literary point of view. He and his three famous friends, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, were real persons and real musketeers and they lived and fought and figured in those very times of which Dumas has given us pictures in his famous stories. All their story was written down by one Courtiz de Sandras, substantially as recounted to him by D'Artagnan, for D'Artagnan, like many another hero, could tell his story but probably could not write it. There was a time when to write was not considered one of the qualities of a clever man, but as sort of a separate mystery in itself, and the book went to the upper shelves in libraries where ladders were not kept and was hidden for a hundred and fifty years. Then one day a stray copy fell into the hands of Alexander Dumas.

## Fanny Rice.

Last night the distinguished comedienne, Miss Fanny Rice, assisted by a strong company, presented three one-act comedies before a fair sized audience at the Opera House, for the benefit of the local union of theatrical stage employees. The triple bill was "My Lord in Livestock," "The Circus Rider" and "My Milliner's Bill." As Lucille in "The Circus Rider," Miss Rice made a decided hit, which was accentuated in "My Milliner's Bill," the motif of which especially appealed to the feminine portion of the audience.

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## DIED.

STEWART—On Monday, April 23, 1900, at 12:30 p. m., WILLIAM STEWART, in the 5th year of his age.

Funeral services at his late residence, at Stewart's Landing, Ohio, at 3 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, May 1. Funeral from Ohio River railroad depot, Wheeling, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, May 2. On arrival at depot remains will be taken to M. E. Church in Bridgeport, where final services will be held. Interment at Weeks' cemetery, Bridgeport, O.

DEVITT—At Wellsburg, W. Va., on Tuesday, May 1, 1900, MARY DEVITT, aged 55 years.

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